





# The Fireman's Journal

AND MILITARY GAZETTE.

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SAN FRANCISCO

SATURDAY MORNING, NOV. 28, 1857.

To the Members of the San Francisco Fire Department.

We, the undersigned, a special Monumental and Cemetery Committee appointed by the Board of Delegates of this Fire Department, inform you that a book of subscription is now opened at the office of H. A. COBB, Nos. 100 and 102 Montgomery street, for the purpose of receiving donations to aid in erecting the FIREMAN'S CEMETERY and erecting a permanent MONUMENT to our deceased brothers, who perished in discharging their duties as firemen.

H. A. COBB, Chairman.

E. M. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

E. P. BUCKLEY.

St. Mary's Hospital, Stockton street, East side,

between Broadway and Vallejo streets.

Jefferson Hotel, Commercial street, opposite

Union Theatre.

Nos. 210 and 212 Kearny street, East side, be-

tween Jackson and Pacific.

Buildings rear of 298 Stockton street, East side,

opposite Virginia Hotel.

Brick building on Ohio street, West side, be-

tween Broadway and Pacific.

California Hotel, corner Dupont and Commercial

streets.

Brick building No. 184 Washington street.

Brick building No. 176 Washington street.

Subscriptions.

To the FIRE DEPARTMENT CEMETERY FUND—

up to the present date, at the office of H. A. Cobb,

Chairman Cemetery Committee:

M. D. Boruck, ex-Sec'y F. D. 10 00

Jas. E. Nutter, ex-Chief Engineer, 20 00

T. J. L. Smith, Pres't Brannan Ass'n, 25 00

H. A. Cobb, Treasurer Fire Dept., 20 00

E. P. Buckley, member of No. 11, 5 00

Wm. Hart, member of No. 6, 10 00

Alta California Office, 14 00

Herald Office, 14 00

W. Oscar Smith, 1st Asst's Eng. F. D., 10 00

H. F. Jones, 10 00

C. M. Chase, member of No. 1, 10 00

Fred' Kohler, ex-Chief Engineer F. D., 10 00

D. H. Hanrahan, Sec'y Manhattan, 10 00

R. H. Sinton, member of No. 6, 10 00

G. H. Hoffmann, foreman Monumental, 25 00

Franklin L. Jones, ex-President F. D., 10 00

Sundry members Lafayette H. & L. 34 50

Benefit at the Minstrels, 52 00

Benefit at the Circus, 32 50

Benefit at the American Theatre, 125 00

Isiah W. Lees, 10 00

St. Francis Hook and Ladder Company, 50 00

Total, \$870 00

Removal.

The office of this paper has been removed to the

Second Story of SHERMAN'S BUILDING, Northeast

corner of Montgomery and Clay streets.

To Firemen Throughout California and

Oregon.

Having been properly empowered by the manu-

facturers, we are now ready to negotiate with com-

panies throughout California and Oregon, (about

purchasing new apparatus) for the sale of the

celebrated Button Engines; whose power and ca-

pacities is so well known.

Terms made known at this office.

Agency.

Mr. JOHN T. CRAWFORD is our duly authorized

agent at Sacramento, to receive and collect sub-

scriptions, and to attend to all matters pertaining

to it. All orders for the FIREMAN'S JOURNAL, left

at the Book store of CARSWELL & HOSKICK, Read's

Building, Third street near the Post Office, will be

promptly attended to.

Fireman's Election.

Notice is hereby given, that the election for

Chief Engineer and 1st and 3d Assistant En-

gineers, will be held on MONDAY, the 7th, day of

December next, in pursuance of an "Act to regu-

late the Fire Department of the City of San Fran-

cisco," approved March 25, 1857. The polls to be

held at the MONUMENTAL ENGINE HOUSE, on Bren-

ham place, and to be kept open from 9 A. M., until

5 P. M., under the supervision of JOHN STOUT, P.

W. VAN WINKLE and F. L. JONES, duly elected

Judges for that election by the Board of Delegates.

FLORENCE MAHONY,

President S. F. F. D.

Dangerous Building.

The members of the Fire Department are warned

against a building, situated on the easterly side of

DUNSTON STREET, fifty feet from Vallejo, which is

undoubtedly the most dangerous of those yet pre-

sented to their notice. The building in question,

is the continuation of a long row of one and two-

story buildings lately erected in the locality oppos-

ite. It is sixty feet front and fifty feet in depth,

and two stories in height, and consists of a front

wall of brick ten inches in thickness, with the rear

and sides of frame; in addition a perfect net-work

of wood, without a central wall, or the slightest

support whatever. Even to save life, it would be

almost suicidal on the part of any man to enter the

building in time of conflagration, as the rear of it

rests upon a high bluff, which has not yet been

digged down to the grade of the street, and conse-

quently admits of no place of escape when the

walls fall, which would most assuredly be the

case, if a fire took place. This building is another

argument in favor of the erecting of a new office

in the Department—that of Fire Coroner.

A COMPLIMENT.—In riding up town on Sunday

evening last, in one of the city stages, we noticed

among the passengers two ladies accompanied by

well known citizens, on their way to church. All

were engaged in conversation on the various topics

of the day, society included, when one of the ladies

remarked, "that she had traveled a great deal in

her life, and met with a variety of people, but that

she had never resided in any place where such

genuine politeness and courtesy, was shown to

strangers as in the city of San Francisco; and that she

believed any woman, having the proper respect for

herself, could traverse every portion of the city

after midnight without molestation." These re-

marks were endorsed by her lady companion, and

in giving them publicity, believe we violate no

rule of etiquette, but do so to show the men of

San Francisco the estimation in which they are

held by the female portion of the community, and

hope the good opinion entertained of them will

never be withheld.

The Voters.—Copies of the list of voters of the

Department, in a convenient form, will be ready

for sale at this office on Monday, price 125 cents.

See list suspended.

## A Card.

We take this method of returning our sincere

thanks to the members of the Fire Department,

our fellow craftsmen, printers and friends gen-

erally, for the prompt manner in which they came

forward to our relief during the fire on Saturday

night. Also particularly to Chief Engineer F. E.

R. Whitney, to whose forethought and firm man-

agement we are indebted for the almost sole pre-

servation of our property.

BLAKE & MOFFITT.

Power Press Printers,

66 and 68 Merchant street.

The above card, which was published in the

papers of Monday and Tuesday last, speaks trump-

et longed in favor of the policy adopted by Chief

Engineer Whitney in regard to the extinguish-

ing of fires. Ever since his induction into office he

has endeavored to carry out the principle which

actuates the members of the organization "to save

and not destroy." There have been times it is

true, when he has met with violent opposition, and

has been assailed in coarse vituperative language,

because he refused to allow the entire force of the

department, to deluge and destroy property with

water as filthy as the language used against him—

simply because he would not "give the boys a

chance," not to display any prowess; not to test

the capacity or power of their apparatus, not for

the purpose of showing their promptitude in an-

swering the alarm, but solely to give them an op-

portunity to squint, unnecessarily a little water on

a man's property, who ten chances to one, is unin-

jured.

How much better does it sound; how much more

honor does it reflect upon the department, and

how much more confidence is reposed in the en-

tire body by the masses, by the publication of a

plain statement like that of Blake & Moffitt than

to read in the papers of the day, "that the damage

by fire was trifling, while that by water, is irrepa-

ble."

Messrs. Blake & Moffitt inform us that less than

two hundred dollars will cover their entire damage

but that in the language of their card, Mr. Whit-

ney's prudence, in only using the streams actually

required, saved them their entire property. The

attitude of a printing press is very delicate, and

requires a great deal of care in running them, but

in half an hour after the firemen retired from the

room, the presses, (of which there were five,) were

carefully wiped off, and immediately put to work,

thus enabling the city papers, to receive their

editions in good time notwithstanding the accident

under the guidance of any other man than Mr. Whit-

ney, such a similar immunity from damage

would probably not occur again.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 26th, 1857.

Editor Fireman's Journal.—Since my last

have had two runs, one down town, the other up

town down town occurred about 6 A. M. last Sat-

urday, and was caused by the ignition of the ceiling

and roof of "Sams" Rondo Saloon, opposite the

Union, on 2d street, supposed incendiary. Damage

slight; No. 3 first water, No. 1, second; Nos. 1, 3

and 5 in service; No. 4 stretched. The up town

occurred about 9 A. M. Sunday morning, from

Harmon's shoe store, next door to our ex-Chief,

Mr. Folger's. Damage very slight; cause defective

store pipe; No. 2 first water, No. 6, second; 4 and

5 ready for service.

At the last fire I saw the Old Gal in her new

"crinoline," white one side and black the other,

reminding one of night and morning. I can't say

I like it, it smacks too strong of amalgamation.—

One's "fellows" are always buying new clothes for

the ancient dame.

Thanksgiving day, and my vacuum is open for

turkey; so after answering Eureka 4, alias "brass

coat and blue buttons," I shall close, after prom-

ising you a longer epistle next week. As to Mr.

Eureka's charge of Blunder No. 1, although their

hall perhaps was never referred to the Board on any

occasion, yet every one in the Department knows

the reason why the trial was not held there.

As to blunder No. 2, I acknowledge the corn-

er, but I received my information from a member of

the corps, who runs with the hose cart; but I think Mr.

E. 4, made as bad a blunder as I did, there being

no hydrant on 5th street, below X, and if he

could make it the same distance to the hydrant

that supplied the first water, from both A and B,

by "actual measurement," he can leave an order

for one of those fancy b's, c's and b's at Stein's

and I will pay for it. His remarks as to the

officer in charge, merely sustain my charges that

there are better men on the roll. As to his last

remarks and extract from the Chief's books, of first

water, I am willing to give him credit for all of them, and

if he will refer to my correspondence he will see

that I have always done so.

I may be a bad critic; I make no pretensions

but give my ideas, and report facts as I see them,

or obtain them from reliable authority. As to the

new election of Sacramento correspondents, if he

can excel me, or find any one who can, in giving

impartial opinions, I will willingly resign in

favor of such one. The best proof of the correctness

of my opinions, is public expression. No. 4 as a

company, did no fault with my remarks.

Yours truly, J. LINGOLAY.

CARICATURES.—We are informed that several

caricatures have been held within the last two

weeks, relative to Fire Department matters. The first

being for the purpose of electing certain men

of the Board of Delegates and Judges of Election,

and the second for the purpose of presenting a

candidate for Chief Engineer, in opposition

to the present incumbent, or in other words,

a man who could beat F. E. R. Whitney. How

the latter project succeeded we have not yet

learned, but the day of election will more than

likely elucidate it. All we can say to those

who feel desirous of compromising, is, put no faith

in the promises made to you. The term for which

the Chief to be elected holds office, is three years,

and any bargain, sale or agreement for the suc-

cession, will only be to pull wool over the eyes of

those entering into the compact. We have already

had a practical illustration of the honesty of com-

promises and agreements in this Department. We

sincerely trust there is no member of the Depart-

ment green enough to "compromise" himself by

even listening to the specious reasoning of those,

who only desire in plain words, is to use them to

advance their own individual ends.

The FIREMAN'S CEMETERY.—The apathy which

pervades the entire department regarding the

cemetary, is a disgrace to the organization. Why

it should be so, we cannot divine. The idea that

but \$250 has been subscribed for such an object,

is pitiful, and in no other city of the Union, would

such a criminal neglect be shown so worthy a cause.

RANGE.—We were shown this week by Mr.

Ezekiel, Secretary of the Department, one of the

badges used in the New York Fire Department—

it is in the shape of a shield, with the number in

the centre, surmounted by the name of the or-

ganization. It is very light and durable, and

would answer the purpose of this department very

well indeed.







